

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By Vice-Chairman Ralph Heinert, on January 17,
2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chairman (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch
Nancy Kraft, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 104, 1/9/2007; HB 107, 1/9/2007;
HB 144, 1/9/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 144

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:57 Rep. Arlene Becker (D), HD 52, opened the hearing on HB 144, Clarify waste management laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:33 Rick Thompson, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

00:05:55 Chairman McNutt arrived

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:10:39 Roy Kemp, Public Health & Human Services (PHHS)

00:10:58 Gene Allison, Department of Labor & Industry

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:33 Rep. Ankney

00:11:56 Mr. Thompson

00:12:46 Rep. Mendenhall

00:13:22 Mr. Kemp

00:15:18 Rep. Mendenhall

00:15:35 Mr. Thompson

00:17:40 Rep. Barrett

00:18:38 Mr. Thompson

00:19:43 Rep. Lambert

00:20:23 Mr. Thompson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:45 Rep. Becker

HEARING ON HB 107

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:26:20 Rep. Dave Gallik (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 107, Increase public water supply fees.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:28:31 Jon Dilliard, DEQ

EXHIBIT(nah11a01)

00:33:47 Arvid Hiller, Mountain Water Company

EXHIBIT(nah11a02)

00:37:05 Bill Leonard, Whitefish

Opponents' Testimony:

00:40:15 Steve Wade, Montana Rural Water Systems

[EXHIBIT\(nah11a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:51 Rep. Cohenour
00:42:25 Mr. Dilliard
00:45:29 Rep. Erickson
00:46:08 Mr. Dilliard
00:49:53 Rep. Ross
00:50:20 Mr. Dilliard
00:53:51 Rep. Ankney
00:54:05 Mr. Dilliard
00:54:42 Rep. Mendenhall
00:55:33 Mr. Dilliard
00:58:17 Kate Miller, DEQ
00:59:41 Rep. Cohenour
01:00:19 Mr. Dilliard
01:01:53 Rep. Heinert
01:02:42 Mr. Dilliard

Closing by Sponsor:

01:02:52 Rep. Gallik

01:06:08 Break

HEARING ON HB 104

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:10:41 Rep. Kevin Furey (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 104, Revise exempt water rights laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:20:51 Mary Sexton, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(nah11a04\)](#)

01:31:19 Tim Burton, Helena City Manager

[EXHIBIT\(nah11a05\)](#)

01:37:20 Ron Alles, Chief Administrative Officer, Lewis & Clark
County

01:39:18 Stan Bradshaw, Trout Unlimited

01:41:10 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society

01:42:12 Bob Lane, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

[EXHIBIT\(nah11a06\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:45:39 Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors

[EXHIBIT\(nah11a07\)](#)

01:54:58 Abigail St. Lawrence

[EXHIBIT\(nah11a08\)](#)

02:06:46 Clayton Fiscus

[EXHIBIT\(nah11a09\)](#)

02:12:29 David Brown

02:13:43 Scott Davis, Pond & Stream Consulting

02:16:46 Jacqueline Lenmark, The Montana Water Well Drillers
Association

02:21:31 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association

[EXHIBIT\(nah11a10\)](#)

02:25:48 Terry Lindsay, Montana Water Well Drillers Association

[EXHIBIT\(nah11a11\)](#)

02:27:31 John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrowers' Association

02:31:45 Tim Ravndal, Montana Multiple Use Association

02:33:26 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association

02:34:41 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau

02:35:17 Pat Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)

02:35:47 Tracy Turek

02:38:44 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Registered Land
Surveyors

02:39:14 Walt Sales, Association of Gallatin Agricultural
Irrigators

Informational Testimony:

02:40:52 Russell Levens, DNRC

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:41:22 Rep. Lambert

02:42:15 Rep. Furey

02:42:53 Ms. Sexton

02:44:21 Rep. Erickson

02:45:34 Mr. Levens

02:45:51 Rep. Van Dyk

02:47:05 Ms. St. Lawrence

02:49:11 Rep. Cohenour

02:49:53 Ms. St. Lawrence

02:53:06 Michael Nicklin
02:55:25 Rep. Cohenour
02:55:53 Ms. Sexton
02:57:59 Rep. Ross
02:58:29 Mr. Levens
03:00:40 Rep. Hands
03:00:57 Mr. Murphy
03:02:26 Rep. Hands
03:03:15 Mr. Oppel
03:03:45 Rep. Mendenhall
03:05:08 Ms. Sexton
03:07:45 Rep. Barrett
03:08:05 Ms. Sexton
03:08:42 Rep. Barrett
03:09:16 Mr. Lane
03:13:06 Rep. McNutt
03:13:53 Rep. Van Dyk
03:14:13 Rep. Cohenour
03:14:32 Mr. Lane
03:14:56 Rep. Mendenhall
03:15:15 Mr. Lane
03:17:29 Rep. Hendrick
03:18:04 Rep. Furey
03:19:01 Ms. Sexton

Closing by Sponsor:

03:20:03 Rep. Furey

ADJOURNMENT

03:26:43 Adjournment: 6:20 P.M.

REP. WALTER MCNUTT, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nah11aad.pdf](#))